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**PETITION FOR
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Philip R. Warn

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for the suspension and/or waiver of the rules under § 1.183 in connection with the filing of a Reply Brief to the Examiner's Answer that was required to be filed by July 22, 2002.

REMARKS

The undersigned attorney was unavailable to draft, review, and file the aforementioned Reply Brief, copy of which is attached hereto, due to the fact the undersigned attorney's father was gravely ill, necessitating the undersigned attorney to

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travel back and forth several times to Grand Rapids, Michigan to supervise the medical care of his father. Due to the lengthy amount of travel and the stressful nature of the situation, the undersigned attorney was unable to file the attached Reply Brief within the required time limit. However, the undersigned attorney has concurrently filed the Reply Brief by first class mail on today's date and has also faxed a courtesy copy to the Examiner for his review. Thus, the Reply Brief has been filed only one day late and this should not be considered to be burdensome to the Patent Office.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the undersigned attorney submits that this is an extraordinary situation, and that justice requires that the rules be suspended and/or waived to accept the late filing of the attached Reply Brief.

The petition fee set forth in § 1.17(h) is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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